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CONSELHO CENTRAL DA DELEGAÇÃO EXTERNA DA FRETILIN
CENTRAL COUNCIL OF FRETILIN EXTERNAL DELEGATION

August 20th, 1993

Dear Friends,

The Central Council of **FRETILIN External Delegation — CCDEF** — met in Lisbon, Portugal from 5 to 8 August, 1993.

The Deputy Head of the **FRETILIN External Delegation**, Mr. *Mari Alkatiri,* called the meeting to discuss urgent matters concerning the Organization.

The **CCDEF** is the ruling body of the **FRETILIN External Delegation — DEF** — and according to the **DEF Constitution**, the Central Council must sit at least once a year. However, is up to the **DEF**'s leadership (the Head and the Deputy), to choose the appropriate time in the calendar year.

The refusal, for about two years, of Mr. *Abílio Araújo* — **Head of FRETILIN External Delegation** — to, together with Mr. *Alkatiri,* schedule the sittings for 1992, forcing, therefore the Deputy Head to, in consultation, with other 3 **CCDEF**'s members, *Roque Rodrigues, Jose Luis Guterres* and *Alfredo Borges Ferreira,* call an urgent meeting. *Abílio Araújo* and *Guilhermina Araújo* (his wife) refuse to take part.

The ~~for~~ **CCDEF**'s members had to call forth the mandate given to them, by the **PRESIDENCY of FRETILIN — CDF** — on 10th October, 1992, in which they were entrusted with full power to reorganize the **FRETILIN** external wing, also known as **DEF**.

CDF — PRESIDENCY OF FRETILIN is the ruling body of the whole organization and is based in East Timor. Is made up of a Secretary and two Deputies. After the arrest of Mr. *Mau Huno,* the Deputy Mr. *Nino Kónis Santana* took over the position of Secretary and Mr. *Lo-Olo* remained as one of the Deputies.

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During the meeting the CC's members had examined carefully the role of **FRETILIN** in the struggle for self-determination and independence of East Timor.

The **CCDEF**´s had also examined the role of Mr. *Abílio Araújo* as the **Head of FRETILIN External Delegation** and arrived at a decision that *«Mr. A. Araújo has committed acts of insubordination against the **FRETILIN PRESIDENCY**, by refusing to accept and challenging frequently the authority of the **FRETILIN** leadership based in the **MOTHER LAND**».*

The **CCDEF** ´s had also examined the activities of the **FRETILIN Committee,** in Portugal — the smallest outside East Timor — and had ascertained that *«The **FRETILIN Committee, in Portugal, has given full support to Abílio Araújo in rebelling against the FRETILIN PRESIDENCY**».*

Therefore the members of the **Central Council of FRETILIN External Delegation**, who met in Lisbon, from 5 to 8 August, 1993 had decided:

1. To remove Mr. *Aíbilio Araújo* from his position as **Head of the FRETILIN External Delegation — DEF.**
2. To dismiss Mr. *Abílio Araújo* as the **FRETILIN Representative for Europe and Portugal.**
3. To dissolve the **FRETILIN Committee in Portugal**.
4. That the Leadership of **FRETILIN EXTERNAL DELEGATION** be collectively carried out by Mr. *Mari Alkatiri*, Mr. *Roque Rodrigues*, Mr. *Jose Luis Guterres* and Mr. *Alfredo Borges Ferreira.*
5. That Mr. *Roque Rodrigues* be the senior **FRETILIN Representative for Portugal and Europe** and will be assisted by Mr. *Olimpio Branco.*
6. That two new **FRETILIN Committees** be organized in Portugal, one in Lisbon and the other in Setúbal.
7. That members of the now dissolved **FRETILIN Committee** can only be accepted as members of the two now organized committees, with full rights, if they signed up in one of the two committees.
8. That, between now and then, none of those members of the former **FRETILIN Committee** can be seen or act as official members of **FRETILIN Committees.**
9. That in view of the above **§8** the **CCDEF** ask the **Japan Coalition for East Timor** to withdraw the invitation initially addressed to Mrs. *Inocencia Neves* to visit Japan next October/November. In her place

the **CCDEF** would like to suggest Mrs. *Fátima Guterres,* widow of a member of **FRETILIN Central Committee,** who was killed in action, before her own eyes. She can portray to the Japanese people her long suffering as a guerrilla-woman (like many others) in the mountains of East Timor.

The **CCDEF** wish to express its **appreciation** for the support given by the solidarity groups, around the world, to the struggle for self-determination and independence of the East Timorese People.
On financial aid the **CCDEF** ask that all donations must be channelled to:

BANCO COMERCIAL DE MOÇAMBIQUE
Departamento de Relações Externas da FRETILIN
Conta nº 5110/20.00.55.006.967/6 USD
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República de Moçambique

In Solidarity,

MARI ALKATIRI

ROQUE RODRIGUES

ALFREDO BORGES FERREIRA